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Page 4, line 23, insert the following paragraph.

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--FIG. 19 is a display screen capture showing the Secret X game.--

Page 16, lines 10-30, amend the paragraphs as follows.

a² Referring to FIG. 17, on the lower display 12, a Free Spin Bonus is triggered by a STAR symbol 72 on the first and fifth reels 30 and 34 in any position in the basic slot game. In the Free Spin Bonus, the STAR symbols animate into a "wild" STAR symbol that is wild for all symbols except the HOLLYWOOD SQUARES symbol. Also, the player is awarded a random or predetermined number of free spins of the second, third, and fourth reels 31, 32, and 33, while the first and fifth reels 30 and 34 containing the STAR symbols remain locked (do not spin). For example, the number of free spins may always be five or may be randomly selected to be in the range from five to ten. After each spin, as in the basic slot game the player is awarded a payout for any winning combinations along active pay lines. FIG. 18 illustrates such a winning combination along pay line 43 on the lower display 12. The amount of the payout is determined by the pay table employed in the basic slot game. Upon completion of the Free Spin Bonus, the CPU shifts operation back to the basic slot game.

Referring to FIG. 19, a Secret "X" Bonus game on the lower display 12 may be triggered by another start-bonus outcome in the basic slot game. In the Secret "X" Bonus game, the display depicts a tic-tac-toe array of locations (squares) 80 individually selectable by a player. An animated celebrity is illustrated in each location 80. The tic-tac-toe array includes three columns 82a, 82b, and 82c with three locations 80 in each column. A secret "X" is associated

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a2 with one of the three locations 80 in the second column 82b. The player is prompted to select one of the remaining six locations 80 in the first and third columns 82a and 82c for placement of a free "X":
